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Free Wireless Internet at Libraries Reflects San Diego's Status as Top 10 Wireless City

SAN DIEGO – The latest issue of *Newsweek Magazine* names San Diego as one of the top 10 wireless cities in the world. In an article titled “10 Favorite Hot Spots” in the June 7 issue, the magazine calls San Diego the birthplace of wireless technology and includes the fact that the City has “the highest concentration of workers in the wireless field in the United States.”

The City of San Diego Public Library recognizes the success and importance of wireless technology in San Diego. That's why it became the first library system in the San Diego region to offer free wireless Internet access to patrons beginning in January 2004. To date, the service is provided at nine libraries in the system. The Valencia Park-Malcolm X Branch is the latest library to offer the service.

“San Diego is a very technology-savvy city and having free wireless Internet access at libraries is a very important service for many patrons,” said City Library Director Anna Tatár. “The service can assist people doing research, obtaining information and simply checking and sending email.”

Members of the public, with their own laptops or PDAs configured for wireless Internet, have unlimited access to the Internet. The Library plans to eventually offer wireless access at all 35 locations. Libraries in San Diego currently with wireless Internet include:

- Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego, 619-236-5800.
- Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch, 12095 World Trade Drive, 858-538-8181.
- La Jolla-Riford Branch, 7555 Draper Ave., 858-552-1657.
- Mission Valley Branch, 2123 Fenton Parkway, 858-573-5007.
- North Park Branch, 3795 31st St., 619-533-3972.
- Pacific Beach-Taylor Branch, 4275 Cass St., 858-581-9934.
- Point Loma-Hervey Branch, 3701 Voltaire St., 619-531-1539.
- San Carlos Branch, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430.
- Valencia Park-Malcolm X Branch, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405.

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